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Attorney Docket No.	85CF-00105
First Inventor	Christopher D. Johnson
Title	METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR OPTIMIZING RETURN AND PRESENT VALUE
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☐ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Application claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **42**]  
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets **9**]
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named in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement of Power of Attorney  
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11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS  
Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	710	201	355	Utility Filing Fee	\$710.00
106	320	206	160	Design Filing Fee	
107	490	207	245	Plant Filing Fee	
108	710	208	355	Reissue filing Fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional Filing Fee	

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**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee From Below	Fee Paid
30	-20**	10	180.00
Independent Claims	3	-3*	0
Multiple Dependent			

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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	80	202	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	270	204	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	80	209	40	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge-late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2520	147	2520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1840*	113	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second Month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1510	138	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after a final rejection (37-CFR 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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- Utility Patent Application Transmittal (1 pg)
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- Nine (9) sheets of drawings
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